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## BITTER PILL FOR THE REPUBLICANS

President Will Appoint Democratic Postmaster at Hot Springs.

## CABELL MAY LAND RICHMOND OFFICE

"Dr." Roosevelt Thought to Have Tried a Homeopathic Dose, Which, if It Works Satisfactorily, Will Be Increased to Allopathic size.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 30.—The President will give the Republicans of Virginia a dose of Democracy in a day or two—a homeopathic dose. Possibly, if the results are satisfactory, he may abandon his system of allopathic Republicanism, and cling to the Democratic school, with doses enlarged to allopathic size. The President will announce in a few days the appointment of A. M. Stimson, a Democrat, to the postmastership at the Virginia Hot Springs, Bath county, to succeed Postmaster McClintock, a Republican. The announcement of the appointment will carry consternation to the hearts of Republican office-seekers in Virginia, as it may be the precursor of other appointments of Democrats to succeed Republicans in places under the Federal government.

A Republican who is especially well-informed regarding the administration's attitude toward Virginia office-seekers, has been told this morning that he was certain the President had considered the appointment of James Branch Cabell, of Richmond, to the postmastership of that city. My informant, who knows all the Republicans of the State, is confident that Cabell had applied for the position and does not even know whether Mr. Cabell votes the Republican ticket.

But the President has indicated that he is considering the appointment of Mr. Cabell. He has also talked as though the appointment of Mr. Arthur Seddon was about to be made. It is asserted to be certain that Postmaster Knight will be retired, whether Cabell or Seddon be the appointee. Mr. Cabell may be a Democrat, in which case it would seem that the President is already contemplating adopting the allopathic method in administering Democracy to the place-holders under the Federal government in Virginia.

Representative Flood, of the Tenth Virginia District, will offer a bill in a few days, which, will in all probability, become a law. It affects the appointment of rural mail carriers. The law provides at present that no man over fifty-five years of age shall be appointed to the place of carrier, except in the case of a soldier of the Union army. Mr. Flood will seek to have the law amended so as to allow the appointment of Confederate veterans to places as mail carriers, though they have passed the fifty-five age limit.

## No Change in Rural Routes.

There has been great alarm expressed throughout rural Virginia, if the letters received by Virginia representatives had any indication of the state of feeling, at a report that the postoffice department would discontinue daily service on rural routes where the delivery of mail did not reach a total of 3,000 pieces a month. Postmaster-General Cortisyon stated to-day that there was no foundation for such report. There will be no reduction of trips over the line per week. Coupled with the report, as it came to the department, was the statement that the daily service over such routes was to be changed to tri-weekly. There was no change.

## Seed Tobacco Suit.

The Department of Agriculture is prepared to send to any applicant enough tobacco seed to supply plants for from three to five acres of ground. The statement was made at the department to-day. The former method of distributing tobacco seed was to allow every representative and senator a certain amount to be sent out as he chose. But the department had experts examining the soil in all the tobacco growing sections of the country, with a view to ascertaining the kind of tobacco best adapted to each particular district. In order to conserve the amount of seed to be distributed, seed will not be sent out haphazard, but will be furnished only on application, and the seed sent will be that found to be adapted to the soil of the section in which the applicant resides.

## DEBATE STARTS ON RAILWAY RATE BILL

Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, Contrasts Party Records on the Railroad Question.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Members of the House evinced a more general interest in the discussion of the railway rate bill throughout to-day than on any other day of the session. The debate throughout was listened to attentively, and many questions were asked of the different speakers to bring out obscure points in the measure or evils complained of, which no attempt had been made to include in the bill. The debate was opened by Mr. Townsend, of Michigan, in an exhaustive argument on the general subject, and sharp criticism directed to those who had opposed railroad rate legislation. Mr. Townsend asserted the railroads had consistently and persistently opposed every device for the safety of the public and its employees, and also

## ELOQUENT PLEA FOR UNIVERSITY

Dr. Alderman Stirs Legislators and Audience to Enthusiasm.

## ASKS BIG INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION

Hall Crowded With People Who Applauded Long and Eloquent As President Spoke of Work Done By Famous Old School.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

In the presence of a distinguished audience of men and women from many sections of the State, Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, last night made to the General Assembly through its committee a statement of the condition, needs and plans of the school, and through dealing largely with figures and practical demonstrations which alone might sway the calm and judicial men before him, presented his appeal with a force and eloquence that swept the lawmakers off their feet and precipitated an outburst of rare and genuine enthusiasm uncommon in the matter of fact legislative business.

Every available spot in the chamber was occupied and a number of dignified senators, delegates, school magnates, prominent professional men, and even a judge or two sat upon the floor in uncomfortable but unqualified enjoyment of the president's remarkable committee hearing ever held in the State Capitol. Numbers were turned away from the doors. The galleries were filled, as many women as men being present. With two exceptions every member of the Board of Visitors of the university was in attendance.

Alumni crowded the aisles and applauded liberally as the president of the famous old school told of its work and of its struggles, of its hopes for the future and of its confidence in the good will of Virginians.

## Much Enthusiasm.

While Mr. Charles P. Jones, rector of the board of visitors, spoke briefly, and Dr. George Ben Johnston referred in particular to the needs of the medical department of the University, the chief speech of the evening was, of course, that of the president. In the course of something over an hour, he went thoroughly into the conditions now confronting the school, pointing out the needs here and there, and for the most part confining himself strictly to statistics and explanations of their bearing upon the present and future needs of the University. The very depth of enthusiasm, the broader aspects of the University's influence upon the life of the State and the nation, of the glories that have surrounded it in the past, and of the opportunities that lay before it for greater expansion in the future, the rare eloquence of the speaker stirred the audience to a very depth of enthusiasm.

Alderman's picture of the young student, struggling against odds to secure an education, clerking in stores, pressing clothes, waiting on tables, to earn the small sums necessary to carry him through school, losing no caste in the student body, but winning respect, proving "that even rough labor of the hands can be glorified by honest purpose and earnest effort to learn and know the best," drew forth a burst of applause that rattled the newly placed window frames in the room.

Time and again the speaker was interrupted in this manner, and at the close of the demonstration was nothing short of remarkable. In a half-dozen sentences at the very end of his speech Dr. Alderman referred to what he declared to be one of the most notable facts of this age—the coming back to his own of the Southern boy, tardily, after the suffering and travail through which the white has passed in entering once more into the affairs of the nation. The picture was vividly drawn and the audience could not wait to see it finished. The enthusiasm grew until the crowd could stand it no longer. A storm of applause swept over the house, cutting Dr. Alderman off in the middle of his sentence. A dozen lusty shouts added to the confusion of hand-clapping and stamping of feet.

## Asks Large Sum.

But there were cold and significant facts as to the present needs of the University set forth in the speech not calculated to stir enthusiasm, but to arouse the lawmakers to a realization of the importance of action by the State. Dr. Alderman declared that a crisis, had been

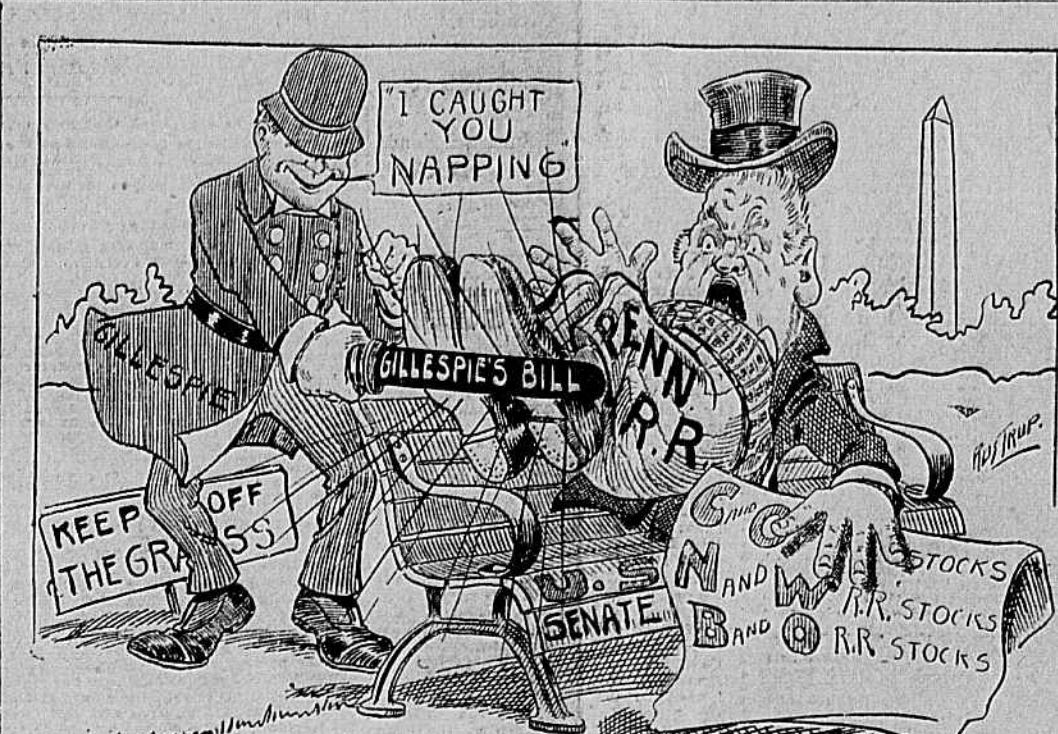
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## YOUNG WOMAN SHOTS HER SUPPOSED UNCLE

Ugly Reports About Pair Who Registered at Wilmington Hotel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 30.—Early this morning at the Colonial Inn, one of the leading hotels in this city, a young woman, Vera L. Turner, shot her supposed uncle, Eugene A. Hughes, though the wound is not fatal, the ball lodging in the jaw. Both gave their homes as Hillsboro, N. C., and the young woman came to Wilmington a week ahead of Hughes and to meet him she stated. Information from Hillsboro gives rise to ugly reports about the two. The shooting occurred at the room of the Turner woman and was accidental it is claimed. Hughes is a young married man and comes of prominent family. He had been drinking up to the time the shooting occurred. He is now in hospital.



## DIDN'T KNOW HIS ORDERS; 4 KILLED

Passenger and Freight Trains Collide On Seaboard Air Line Near Columbia, S. C.

## RICHMOND MAN IS INJURED

Express Messenger Hinton One of the Hurt As Result of Misunderstanding.

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBIA, S. C., January 30.—North-bound passenger train No. 66 and a south-bound extra freight on the Seaboard Air Line collided head-on fifteen miles north of this city at 7:30 o'clock this morning, and as a result four men are dead and three are injured. The dead are: Engineer A. A. SNECK, Fireman WILL WHITE (colored), of the freight, and Postals CLARK H. A. PATILLO, Osteen, Fla., and M. C. WATKINS, Putnam, Fla. The injured are: John Robertson, of Raleigh, N. C., the engineer, and Dan Douglas, the colored fireman, of the passenger train, and Express Messenger Hinton, of Richmond, Va.

The freight train was at Blaney, with orders to wait for the Florida Flyer, the passenger train. According to the statements of those on the passenger train the wreck was caused by a general misunderstanding of orders. The regular passenger train left Columbia one hour late. The Florida Flyer passed the freight at Blaney's, and it is believed that Engineer Sneck, in charge of the freight, thought that there was a clear road ahead. He pulled out of the siding with 20 cars attached, and just ahead the passenger train approached. It was too late to stop the freight, but Engineer Robinson, of the passenger train applied his air brakes and the train was brought up with a jerk, throwing every one out of their seats. It was due to the nerve of Engineer Robinson that the lives of the passengers were saved.

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## HINTON IS INJURED.

Early Report of His Death is Contradicted.

The "Hinton express messenger, of Richmond," mentioned in the above telegram, is Mr. D. E. Hinton, an Adams Express messenger, who boards at No. 715 East Grace Street, at the home of Mr. L. E. Hardy. Mr. Hinton has only lived in Richmond for six months, having come from Raleigh, N. C., where his home is. Reports early in the day stated that Mr. Hinton had been killed, but the account of the wreck printed above, the latest obtainable news, says that he is "injured."

## GREAT PROGRESS IN GREENE-GAYNOR CASE

(By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, GA., January 30.—Greater progress than had marked any previous day of the trial was made in the Federal Court to-day in the case of Greene and Gaynor, and the court, upon adjournment, was moved to congratulate the counsel and the jury upon the more rapid strides in the introduction of evidence. J. V. O. Steney, of Savannah, and George W. Marlow, of New York, were the chief witnesses to-day, and their testimony was interesting. Mr. Marlow was on the stand when adjournment was taken and to-morrow will be cross-examined by the defense.

## DR. WHITE SUFFERS A SLIGHT RELAPSE

Dr. Isaiah H. White, who has been ill since last November, suffered an attack and relapse on yesterday, from which, however, he soon recovered. His condition is such that, while it is serious, it is not at this time alarming.

## A COAL DEAL!

## OFFERS PLAN FOR CONSOLIDATION

Important Bill Offered in Legislature Yesterday By Members From Richmond.

Within a few moments of the close of the session of the General Assembly yesterday identical bills were offered in both branches by Richmond members providing a thorough and elaborate system for the consolidation or annexation of cities, now a matter of vital importance to this community and to several others in the State as well.

While it deals with every conceivable phase of the consolidation question the feature of the measure of greatest interest to the public is that under its terms consolidation can under no circumstances be forced upon one of the parties thereby affected is unwilling. Consent of both or all has first to be obtained and agreement has to be reached both as to the fact of consolidation and the terms on which the change is to be made. Moreover, provision is made for an election in one or both cities to be consolidated in the event that the inhabitants thereof may desire a direct vote in the matter.

The people are safeguarded at every point, and the entire scheme of consolidation looks to insuring the rights and serving the best interests of all.

The bill, which covers twenty-three typewritten pages, is the immediate outgrowth of the movement for a consolidation of Richmond and Manchester. It was drawn by Colonel George Wayne Anderson, of this city, who was engaged for the purpose by the Chamber of Commerce. Colonel Anderson prepared the measure after consulting with City Attorney Pollard. He also held some conferences with residents of Manchester. The measure differs from others relating to the extension of city limits, in that instead of referring to an annexation of adjacent territory, it provides for the outright consolidation of two cities. In the Senate the bill was offered by Mr. Chapman and General Anderson, of Richmond, and Mr. Sals, of Norfolk, acting jointly, and in the House by Mr. Cox, of Richmond.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair and colder Wednesday and Thursday; fresh west to northwest winds.

North Carolina—Light Wednesday and Thursday; light to fresh west winds.

## Conditions Yesterday.

Richmond's weather was clear and cool. Range of the thermometer:

9 A. M. .... 50  
12 M. .... 52  
3 P. M. .... 55  
(Average) .... 52-54

Highest temperature yesterday ..... 56  
Lowest temperature yesterday ..... 31  
Mean temperature yesterday ..... 44  
Charlotte temperature for January 30  
Departure from normal temperature ..... 07

## Thermometer This Day Last Year

9 A. M. .... 26  
12 M. .... 23  
3 P. M. .... 22  
(Average) .... 23-24

## Condition in Important Cities.

(At 8 P. M., Eastern Time)

Place.....High T.....Weather.  
Asheville, N. C. .... 56 ..... Cloudy  
Augusta ..... 56 ..... Clear  
Atlanta, Ga. .... 52 ..... Cloudy  
Buffalo, N. Y. .... 38 ..... Cloudy  
Charlotte ..... 52 ..... Clear  
Chicago, Ill. .... 44 ..... Clear  
Cincinnati, O. .... 44 ..... Clear  
Hartford, N. C. .... 54 ..... Clear  
New York City ..... 42 ..... Clear  
Norfolk, Va. .... 48 ..... Clear  
Richmond ..... 50 ..... Clear  
Savannah ..... 51 ..... Clear  
Washington ..... 48 ..... Clear  
Wilmington ..... 50 ..... Clear

## Miniature Almanac.

January 31, 1906.  
Sun rises ..... 7:10  
Sun sets ..... 5:31  
Moon sets ..... 12:00  
High tide ..... 9:25  
Low tide ..... 9:25

## GRUBB-DAVIS FEUD BREAKS OUT ANEW

Davis Brothers, of Boon Township, N. C. Claim Old Enemies Attempted Their Lives.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEXINGTON, N. C., January 30.—Another chapter was added to the Grubb-Davis feud in Boone township to-day, when Lester and Olin Davis, brothers of Obe Davis, came to Lexington and reported that Grubb had attempted their lives at a saw mill in Boone township last Thursday. Davis was interviewed, and said that he and his brother were at the saw mill loading a wagon with lumber. They had about finished and were getting ready to leave, when they saw six men approaching the mill along a private road, the mill being off the public road. Davis said he paid no attention to them until they stopped some distance away; then he recognized Clay Grubb. Grubb, he says, got down out of his buggy, was handed a gun, and started toward the mill.

Knowing that had feeling existed on account of the killing of his brother and the subsequent trial, and being unarmed, he took to his heels, feeling sure that Grubb was out for his scalp. Grubb then mounted a horse and chased him, but owing to a swamp, which he could not cross with his horse, he was delayed, and made a detour around the swamp. This Davis thinks saved him.

By the time Grubb had passed around the obstacle, Davis had disappeared. Olin Davis, it is understood, was chased also. Both of them are very much of the opinion that Grubb had murdered in mind. Deputy Sheriff Hayworth gave this version: Hayworth, Clarence Thompson, Olin Young, Horace Simerson and another man had been out looking for Frank Halstrom, the negro, who, with Nat Crump, attempted Grubb's life from ambush shortly after the trial of Grubb. They were returning from the search empty-handed, when they came to Simon's saw-mill. There they saw a number of men, and when within about fifty yards of the place some of the men broke away. They stopped and Grubb jumped out of the buggy and shouted to them to halt, thinking one of them was this Halstrom negro. All the party seems to have been of the same mind. Grubb called out Halstrom's name, when he called on the running men to stop. He then rode up a hill saw no one and returned to the buggy and with the party left. Hayworth says he thinks that he recognized Olin Davis as one of those who ran.

## SOLID RECOGNITION OF COLORED MAN'S WORK

(By Associated Press.)

MOBILE, ALA., January 30.—Rev. A. F. Owens, for a long time pastor of a colored church here, and now principal in the theological department of the colored university at Selma, Ala., was recently and registered at a leading hotel as from New York. Cramer negotiated with a local merchant to buy a large interest in his business and gave a check for five hundred dollars, which has been proven worthless. The check was drawn on the Westside National Bank, and a few minutes after notice of its worthlessness came, Cramer had pulled freight, leaving an unpaid hotel bill and his luggage.

## Death of John M. Shepherd.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUDBURY, N. C., January 30.—John M. Shepherd, Suffolk agent of the Southern Express Company, died at 6:40 o'clock this evening, aged 25 years. Mr. Shepherd was a member of Mahone's Brigade during the civil war. He entered the war at the age of 16 years and was in the Crater charge near Petersburg. He has been Southern Express Company's agent for eighteen years. Two daughters and two sons survive him.

## MR. SWANSON HERE FOR INAUGURATION

The Incoming Governor Arrives, Accompanied By His Wife.

## MEETS COMMITTEE AND FIXES DETAILS

The New Executive in Fine Spirits and is Given a Cordial Welcome—No Material Changes in Plan Already Outlined.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

The inauguration of the new State administration at noon to-morrow is the topic of the hour in legislative and political circles, and while the ceremonies incident thereto will be simple and unostentatious in keeping with the wishes of Governor-elect Swanson, the occasion will at the same time be full of public interest.

Governor-elect and Mrs. Swanson arrived last night from Washington and are at the Jefferson, where they will remain until to-morrow. The new executive is in fine spirits, and chatted last night in the most democratic and unassuming manner with those about him in the lobby. His guests met by his secretary, Mr. Ben P. Owen, Jr., his brother-in-law, Captain Cunningham Hall, members of the joint inaugural committee, Major George M. Helms and several other personal friends.

Shortly after his arrival Governor and Mrs. Swanson were joined by Hon. Richard Evelyn Byrd and Mrs. Byrd, of Winchester. The joint committee held a brief conference with Mr. Swanson and the details of the inaugural programme were gone over and but few changes made. The committee will meet at 9:30 o'clock this morning to finally arrange for the ceremonies.

## Before the Two Houses.

The programme will be about as heretofore outlined. The two houses will meet at 11:30 to-morrow, in order that the joint session may be held at noon. Governor Montague will escort his successor into the hall of the House at the latter hour, and they will be received by the members, standing. Prayer will be offered by Rev. J. Sidney Peters, and the oath will be administered to the new executive by Judge Stafford G. Whittle, of the Supreme Court. Governor Swanson will then read his inaugural address, outlining the policies of his administration, and will at once assume the duties of office.

## After the Ceremonies.

Immediately after the ceremonies at the Capitol Governor Swanson will receive legislators, State and city officials, and such others as may desire to call at the mansion from 2 to 4 o'clock P. M., and from 9 to 11 P. M. he will be the guest of Lieutenant-Governor Elyson, who will be inducted into office immediately following the inauguration of Mr. Swanson. The joint committee having charge of the inaugural ceremonies is as follows: Senators Charles J. Anderson, J. Lawrence Campbell, W. A. Garrett, Delegates M. M. Green, Charles T. Bland, N. E. Spessard, C. C. Tallaferrro and M. B. Booker. The mansion is being made ready for the change of occupants, and Governor and Mrs. Montague will have practically finished moving into their Grove Avenue residence by to-night, though they will not actually leave until to-morrow.

## IT MAY NEVER COME OUT OF THE COMMITTEE

(By Associated Press.)

TRENTON, N. J., January 30.—A Senate bill was introduced in the State Senate to-day directing the attorney-general to institute legal proceedings in the name of the State against the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and its subsidiary corporations in the State, for the purpose of annulling and forfeiting the charter of such company, upon the ground of the violation of the common law relating to monopolies and of the Elkins law and laws relative to interstate commerce. It was referred to a committee.

## NEGRO CUTS THROAT OF LADY AND ESCAPES

Posse and Hounds After Black Perpetrator of Terrible Crime Near Atlanta.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., January 30.—Mrs. Nina May Dupree, a young woman about twenty years old, who lives with W. H. Grogan, a prosperous farmer, about six miles from Atlanta, near Cornwell, was assaulted by a negro this afternoon. After cutting her throat and leaving her in a dying condition from loss of blood and nervous excitement, the negro escaped. A posse of more than a hundred citizens, with trail hounds, is following the negro to-night, and if he is captured he will, in all probability, be summarily lynched. The assault upon the young woman occurred some time between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Grogan and his wife, returning home from Atlanta at the latter hour, found her lying in the dining room in a pool of her own blood. Physicians, who were immediately summoned, despair of her life. She was too weak to say more than a tall black negro was the perpetrator of the crime. The young woman is well known and respected in the community in which she resides. Her former home was Columbus, Ga.

## LEASE PLANT OR BUILD NEW SAY COMMITTEE

These the Alternatives of City in the Matter of Her Gas Works.

## REPORT TO COUNCIL COMES AS SURPRISE

Chairman Morton Submits Paper at Special Session and It Creates a Sensation.

## NEEDS OF DEPARTMENT ARE PLAINLY POINTED OUT

The Committee Evidently Satisfied That the People Should Get Better Gas—Some of the Defects That Might Be Remedied.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

The lease of the City Gas Works is strongly recommended by the special joint committee which, under the direction of the Council, has made a thorough investigation of the works.

The only alternative in the judgment of the committee, is to practically rebuild the works at a cost of \$404,000, of which \$350,000 would have to be available at once.

The report was submitted at the special meeting of the Council held last night to consider the amendments of the Board of Aldermen to the license tax ordinance and created a profound sensation. The filing of the report was a surprise, the language and recommendations embodied in the paper took councilmen and visitors almost off their feet.

## What the Report Says.

These are the leading features of the lengthy report: Causes of trouble are insufficient manufacturing capacity and holder storage lack of system in maintaining mains, etc. The management of the works is bad and out of date. Cost of labor is higher than in private plants. Low cost to city of distributing gas has been at expense of consumers. Men who take gas, which control pressure do not know their business. No systematic record of metres is kept. Method of buying supplies not economical. Information obtained by records is not made use of. Number of complaints in October last were 846. The apparatus is worn out and obsolete. There are but two courses for the city to pursue—lease the works out or practically rebuild the entire works at a cost of \$404,000 and \$354,000 of that amount must be made available at once. A skilled gas engineer should be employed at once, who shall have unlimited authority as to the employing and discharging of men to run the works. The committee thinks a lease of the works is the proper thing, and believes a lease can be effected that will pay the city more money than the works are now earning, and at the same time furnish better gas at present cost and furnish the city and charitable institutions free gas. Recommendations made the question of a lease be submitted to a vote of the people at the June election.

Very few members of the Council knew what was coming when Chairman Morton, of the special Gas Investigation Committee, which has been laboring over the gas question for many months, arose to submit the final report of the committee. Mr. Morton merely made the point of order that reports of special committees were in order at a called meeting without a suspension of rules, and being sustained by the chair he handed the document to Clerk August, with the remark to the Chair: "I submit the final report of the special Gas Investigation Committee."

Perfect quiet prevailed while the report was being read. The paper lies on the table until a special session is held to consider it.

## No Tax On Physicians.

The special session of the Council was held to consider the Aldermen's amendments to the tax ordinance. The most important amendment was that exempting the physicians of the city from all license tax. Dr. J. Allison Hodges was their spokesman, and presented their case very strongly.

## The Report Submitted.

President Peters and Mr. Pollard opposed concurrence in the Board's amendment relieving the physicians of the payment of license tax. Messrs. Allen, Mills, Huber and Pollock spoke in favor of concurrence. This Council concurred in the amendments, and the doctors applauded vigorously.

The Council adopted resolutions to fight in the Legislature Senator Catton's railroad tax bill and the Bar Association's court stenographer bill.

## Report On the Gas Works.

The report on the gas works, which was ordered to be printed, is as follows: Richmond, Va., January 31, 1906. To the Council of the City of Richmond: Gentlemen,—Your special joint committee on investigation of the gas works respectfully submit the following final report of its findings and recommendations:

From the personal investigation made by your committee at the gas works of this city and those of Baltimore and Philadelphia, together with the information brought out by the report of Mr. Brown, the really of Mr. Knowles thereto, and Mr. Brown's rejoinder, together with the report of our special committee on the personal testimony of Mr. Knowles and certain employees of the light department, we had the following facts, and upon